

12-Year-Old Girl Studies Sharks

Here is a 12-year-old girl who prefers sharks to Beatles! Mary Hambleton, a student of Hickory Elementary School, is taking part in a national shark-tagging research program aimed at broadening man's limited knowledge about these sea animals.

As one of the volunteer workers at the Los Angeles County Museum, she pursues her special interest under the guidance of Dr. Shelton P. Applegate, associate curator of vertebrate paleontology. He is active in a national shark study project as part of

his research into fossil sharks and their connection with those of today.

Mary became interested in sharks a year ago when her father caught one off Manhattan Beach. They called on Dr. Applegate to explain something of the anatomy of the shark.

SINCE THEN, Mary spends her spare time at the Manhattan Beach pier, either tagging live sharks or removing embryos and eggs from those too near dead to be thrown back into the sea.

She has tagged more than a score of sharks thus far with the special tag provided by the American Institute of Biological Sciences. The plan is to trace the growth, migratory patterns and other such little known facts, by labeling live sharks when they are found.

Mary's association with the museum at Exposition Park makes her a member of an unusual group of junior and senior high school students who do volunteer work in all phases of the natural sciences and history, aiding the cura-

tors in the classification and preparation of the museum's enormous collections.

Lad Bitten By Monkey, Seek Owner

A 9-year-old Palos Verdes Estates boy was bitten by a monkey he tried to befriend Sunday afternoon at a roadside fruit stand in Torrance.

Lance Kinney, 9, of 3904 Via Solano, Palos Verdes Estates, was bitten on his hand. He was with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kirkup and their two children, of 4116 Via Solano, Palos Verdes Estates, when the stopped at a fruit stand at 190th Street.

A nearby parked car containing the monkey attracted the children's attention and Kinney was bitten when the children went over to the car to look at the monkey, Kirkup said.

Mrs. Kirkup said that when she discovered what had happened the car containing the monkey had gone. Mrs. Kirkup said she would like to locate the monkey so that a check for rabies can be made. The car containing the monkey also had two adults and two dogs in it, she added.



IT'S A SHARK . . . Mary Hambleton, 12, of 22712 Eriel Ave., listens as Dr. Shelton P. Applegate, of the Los Angeles County Museum explains the anatomy of a shark. The specimen is an immature thresher shark.

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Scheduled Open House At Center

Plans for the Torrance Recreation Department's open house, to be held Friday and Saturday at the Joslyn Recreation Center, are now in the final stages.

theme for the open house, which will feature exhibits of the special programs which the department has conducted during the summer months.

works of the safety poster contest class, children's crafts, adult arts and crafts, senior citizen hobbies, and several scenes designed for the recent aquacade.

staged at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Groups from the modern dance class, the children's theater, and the Fun Through Music program will appear, along with the gymnastics class and the "Happy Wanderer" puppet theater.

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Artist Group To Hold Show

The Palos Verdes Art Association-sponsored work shops show will open with a reception Sunday, Sept. 5, and run through Sept. 11.

Student work from the classes of James Couper Wright, water color; James Strombotne, life drawing and papier mache make up the show.

The camera group under Larry Foster will present their work Sept. 12-25. Foster will have a colored slide show Sept. 25.

Mrs. John Rice is coordinating the shows.

Jasper L. Thompson, fire control technician 3.C. USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper L. Thompson, 20514 Berendo Ave., recently returned to Long Beach, aboard the fleet oiler USS Mispillion, completing a tour of duty with the Seventh Fleet in the Far East.

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